

Storm Water Section

Construction and Industrial – Inspection Update

Wendy Phillips

The Storm Water Section is modifying its inspection strategy for 2002-03. Rather than conduct a target of 1,000 compliance inspections based on a region-wide risk assessment, staff will be focusing inspection efforts on:

- Cleaning up Sun Valley;
- Continuing enforcement followup for SWPPP (Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans) and BMP (Best Management Practices) violations that remain uncorrected; and
- Enforcement followup on permittees with delinquent annual fees.

For the first half of 2002/03, staff completed a total of 1073 inspections, as tabulated below.

| Type of Inspection | Ventura/N LA Co Unit (Ejigu Solomon) | LA Co Inland Unit (Matt Yeager) |
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| Compliance | 217 | 193 |
| Enforcement followup | 105 | 88 |
| Complaint response | 4 | 12 |
| NOT verification | 106 | 182 |
| Others + Non-filers | 64 | 102 |
| TOTAL | 496 | 577 |

Linear Construction Proposed Construction Permit

Sean Lee

State Water Resources Control Board is proposing to issue a separate General Construction Permit for storm water discharges associated with small linear construction projects 1-5 acres. This permit will be limited to linear projects for above and below ground utility lines and will cover only utility companies. In this permit, one NOI will serve for multiple projects, with each project individually filing a Notice of Construction. A preliminary draft may be available by the end of March, and a final draft may be available for public notice by April 4, 2003. The SWRCB will present the permit to the Board for their consideration on May 21, 2003.

Halaco, Inc.

Tracy Woods

During a recent rain event on February 12, 2003, City of Oxnard staff, Alfredo Salcedo, and Regional Board staff, Gary Schultz, performed separate site inspections of the Halaco industrial facility. Both inspectors observed that effective best management practices (BMPs) have not been implemented on the West side of the facility for good housekeeping practices and stored material, nor have BMPs been implemented on the East side of the facility for the Waste Management Unit's eroding slopes. Regional Board staff will soon send a letter to Halaco, stating that effective BMPs must be implemented to preclude off-site discharge of pollutants and to consider establishing more than one storm water sampling point. The Regional Board has offered the assistance of local agency inspectors to come to Halaco during a rain event, and jointly observe runoff pathways and agree on number and location of storm water sampling points.

Municipal - Los Angeles County MS4 Permit, Delinquent Fees

Carlos Urrunaga

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) adopted Resolution 2002-0150 on October 3, 2002, which revised fee schedules contained in Title 23, Division 3, Chapter 9, Article 1, Section 2200 of the California Code of Regulations. The changes in the fee schedule affect the fees that each Permittee under an areawide municipal storm water permit must pay.

On February 27, 2003, the State Board notified Regional Board staff that 4 of the 85 permittees under the LA County MS4 permit had not yet paid their annual fees which were due in the fourth quarter of 2002. Regional Board staff notified all delinquent cities promptly via e-mail the same day. Four cities are delinquent: City of Azusa (\$2,500); City of Cudahy (\$1,500); City of South El Monte (\$1,500); and the City of Pomona (\$6,250). The cities of Azusa; Cudahy; Pomona; and South El Monte are currently processing fees for payment.

Small MS4 Permit Update

Michael Yang, PE

The State Board is expected to release the fourth draft of the Small MS4 Permit for public review and comment during the second week of March 2003. It is expected that the State Board will consider adoption of the Small MS4 Permit at its April 30th meeting. Important changes from the third draft include, (i) a decision not to designate non-traditional small MS4s but rather leave it to the Regional Board's Executive Officers to designate the listed entities in writing. After such designation, the entity will have 180 days to submit an application (completed and signed Notice of Intent form, a complete Storm Water Management Plan and the appropriate fee); (ii) establishment of a procedure for Storm Water Management Plan evaluation and approval. Once a complete application is received and reviewed by Regional Board staff, it will be posted on the State Board website for a minimum of thirty days for public review and comment.

During this review period, any member of the public (including the permittee) may request a public hearing.

Municipal – LA County MS4 Permit Administrative Record for Court

Dan Radulescu P.E.

Regional Board staff is preparing the LA County MS4 Permit administrative record to be filed with Superior Court for Los Angeles County in mid-April. The record consists of letters, comments, documents staff relied during permit drafting, and a supporting library of engineering manuals, handbooks, research articles on storm water quality, economic analysis papers and other historical documentation. Staff is working closely with deputy attorneys from the Attorney General's Office and Regional Board Counsel in preparing the record.

Student Interns

Patricia K. Garcia

Chrissie Lyn Layug has been recently recruited as a student intern for the Storm Water Unit. Chrissie attends school at Los Angeles Community College where she is working towards an Associate in Arts degree in Business Administration. We are currently awaiting approval from the FCCC to hire Lam Pho. Lam attends school at California State University Los Angeles, where he is working towards a Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry. Lam has already received a Bachelor of Art degree in Graphic Design.